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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

## In the Claims

Please substitute the following claims.

Claim 1. (Thrice Amended):

A peptide-based immunotherapeutic agent for cedar pollinosis comprising a linear polypeptide molecule, wherein said polypeptide:

(a) comprises at least two T-cell epitope peptides derived from cedar pollen allergen Cry j 1 and at least two T-cell epitope peptides derived from cedar pollen allergen Cry j 2;

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